(iii) To explore in the new areas, especially in deep water and difficult frontier areas.

(iv) To develop faster the newly discovered oil fields.

(v) To increase workover and stimulation operations.

(vi) To increase exploration efforts through the New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP).

(vii) To increase use of 3-D seismic surveys in new and producing areas.

Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. (ONGC) has also taken steps by way of advancing their plans and inputs to produce additional 0.5 Million Metric Tonne (MMT) of crude oil over and above the annual Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) target of 24.6 MMT in the current year.

(b) The continued environmental problem, delays in obtaining land as well as irregular power supply are adversely affecting oil exploration and production activities in Assam. The Exploration and Production of hydrocarbons were suspended by ONGC in Nagaland since May, 1994. Interactions have been held with the State Governments of Assam and Nagaland to resolve the above issues.

(c) New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP) envisages signing of Production Sharing Contracts (PSCs) for Exploration Blocks in India, both onshore and offshore. The agreements entered for Exploration and Production work undertaken abroad by Indian Companies, including PSUs, would depend on the framework for the individual country concerned.

Parameters for Allocation of Kerosene to States

l718. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise amount of quota fixed for the kerosene oil during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the details of the basic parameters to fix such quota;

(c) whether requests have been received from various States to increase the quota;

(d) if so, the details thereof, and

(e) the action taken by Government on this?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) A Statement enclosed *{see* below).

(b) to (e) Kerosene is an allocated product and annual/monthly allocation is made by the Central Government to State/UTs for distribution through Public Distribution System (PDS). The allocation of Kerosene is made on historical basis i.e. past years allocation plus additional allocation out of increase given at national level based on the principle of giving higher increase to the states with lower per capita availability so as to reduce inter-State disparity. Requests are received from various State Governments for additional allocation of Kerosene from time to time. Kerosene is a deficit product in the country and on account of constraints of product availability, foreign exchange and heavy subsidy, the distribution has to be judicious.

Statement

State-wise SKO allocation for the period from 1997-98 to 1999-2000.

States/UTs	*\W1M* (MTs)	*\m-w* (MTs)	*\m-im* (MTs)
Andaman & Nicobar	4743	7155	6736
Andhra Pradesh	650785	675056	679848
Arunachal Pradesh	9948	10240	10295
Assam	263760	271235	272623
Bihar	679329	863745	870036
Chandigarh	2)562	21778	15408
Dadar & N. Haveli	3202	3237	3238
Delhi	245768	248325	204672
Diu & Daman	3033	3064	2438
Goa	27954	28257	28075
Gujarat	822339	831600	832432
Haryana	164653	170563	171731
Himachal Pradesh	58984	60737	61067
Jammu & Kashmir	88828	91433	91921
Karnataka	513054	528301	531167
Kerala	289540	300006	302078
Lakshadweep	906	919	921

States/UTs	1997-98 (MTs)	1998-99 (MTs)	1999-2000 (MTs)
Madhya Pradesh	532741	661812	666632
Maharashtra	1558397	1576298	1577953
Manipur	22064	22670	22781
Meghalaya	20245	20847	20960
Mizoram	7868	8102	8146
Nagaland	13797	14207	14284
Orissa	239501	316597	318903
Pondicherry	15329	15342	15363
Punjab	337118	342376	343127
Rajasthan	361736	440060	443265
Sikkim	7794	7885	7895
Tamil Nadu	698837	716830	720076
Tripura	31451	32386	32562
Uttar Pradesh	1178862	1391123	1401255
West Bengal	785065	808013	812309
Total	9659193	10490199	10490199

Self-sufficiency in crude production

1719. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the present annual production of crude oil in the country and planned production during the year 2004-2005;

(b) the estimated annual demand of crude oil for the year 2004-2005;

(c) whether any special plan has been drawn to increase the production of crude oil; and

(d) by when the country is likely to achieve self-sufficiency in crude production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) and (b) The target set for the crude oil production during 2000-01 is 32.46 Million Metric Tonne (MMT) including additional 0.5 MMT production planned by ONGC and